response to directions issued by Hon'ble Delhi High Court out of reserved 25 posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to appoint all the petitioners as LDC for which Hon'ble court has issued directions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) DDA has reported that 340 posts of LDCs are presently lying vacant.

(b) to (d) DDA has reported that the Hon'ble Delhi High Court *vide* his orders dated 7.8.2000 in CWP No. 1627/99 directed DDA to reserve one post vacant for each of the petitioners i.e. the Group 'D' employees who had passed departmental examination in 1989. Accordingly, 25 posts had been reserved for the petitioners in the said petition. However, the posts could not be filled up as the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in CWP No. 4210/2000 titled Mange Ram versus DDA has stayed the operation of circular dated 5.7.2000 issued by DDA for filling up of posts of LDCs from Class IV employees under the 15% reserved quota. Matter is now sub-judice.

Retrenchment in DDA

†1615. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce the number of employees in Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of employees to be retrenched in the first phase; and

(d) the categories to which such employees belong and their number, category-wise?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No decision to reduce the number of employees in DDA has been taken. However, a proposal for rationalisation of posts is under consideration.

(b) to (d) In view of reply to (a) above questions do not arise.

Unauthorised colonies in Delhi

†1616. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorised colonies have come up in Delhi on a large scale;

(b) if so, the total number of such colonies and expected number of people residing in them;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to regularize them after making necessary modification in these colonies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that there were about 1071 unauthorised colonies in existence in Delhi as on 31st March, 1993. It is estimated that about 30 lakh people are residing in these colonies. No survey has been carried out in this regard.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has filed guidelines for regularization of these colonies in the High Court of Delhi in CWP No. 4771/93 Common Cause (Regd.) Society *Vs.* Union of India and others. The Hon'ble Court in its order dated 27.2.2001 has *inter alia* directed the Ministry to notify the list of colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. Government of NCT of Delhi

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